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The reply filed on 06/08/09 is again not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Applicant again has amended the claims to require the active step of application of the pharmacologically-active substance to the tooth, then applying a coating over the pharmacologically-active substance.

Note, the amended language is not read as an intended use, given the active step is required by the claims. Additionally, the formulation is not a product-by-process limitation, given the coating may be applied to the pharmacologically active substance in a location beside on the tooth. As such, Applicants again are merging product and method claim limitations into one claim, creating a non-statutory hybrid claim. While this would normally be objected to in prosecution, Applicants elected a single statutory class invention in the election in the response filed 04/28/08. Where the statutory class is outside the elected invention, the claim amendments are not entered and the response is again found non-responsive.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Benjamin Packard whose telephone number is 571-270-3440. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-3:45 EST.  
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Frederick Krass can be reached on 571-272-0580. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.  
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